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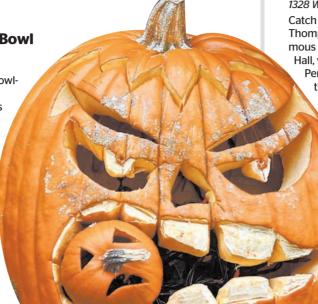
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portions. 7-10 p.m.

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THE GREAT PUMPKIN

Avenue Tavern

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Think you can make the best jacko-lantern? Show off your sculpting skills at this Lakeview bar's ninth annual Pumpkin Carving Party. They provide the carving supplies and 100 pumpkins. Drink specials include \$4 Sam Adams Oktoberfest drafts, and finished pumpkins are illuminated and displayed outside the bar every night through Halloween. 8 p.m.



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EXOTIC ANIMAL ESCAPE

AUTHORITIES KILL LIONS. TIGERS. BEARS IN OHIO

CNN

Law enforcement officials said Wednesday afternoon that they had accounted for all but one of a menagerie of animals released from an Ohio farm, with just a monkey remaining on the loose.

Muskingum County Sheriff Matt Lutz said a missing bear and mountain lion were shot dead and a lion made it to a private backyard, where it died. They were among 56 exotic animals released Tuesday from Terry Thompson's farm outside Zanesville, according to sheriff's deputies.

They said Wednesday afternoon that a wolf, previously unaccounted for, had been killed Tuesday night.

Deputies warned the monkey may be infected with the herpes B virus.

Lutz said preliminary investigations indicated that Thompson, 62, pried open cages and left the farm's fences open and then died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Authorities were waiting on the results of an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death.

Flashing signs on the highways in eastern Ohio warned motorists Wednesday: "Caution. Exotic animals." Schools were closed, and some frightened residents said they were keeping to their homes as sheriff's deputies hunted lions, tigers, leopards and grizzly

As of Wednesday evening, authorities had killed 49 animals. A grizzly bear, three leopards and two monkeys had been captured and taken to a zoo, Lutz said.

Sheriff's deputies used night vision equip-



ment until daylight Wednesday to continue their search, which was hampered by rain. Lutz said deputies, armed with shotguns, patrolled in pickups. This part of Ohio is wooded and hilly, providing many places for the animals to hide.

Most of the escaped animals were put down. Lutz called them "senseless killings" of animals that were not in a proper environ-

He said his deputies, who found themselves

in a volatile situation, had to shoot some of the animals at close range. A Bengal tiger was killed after it got agitated from a tranquilizer

"We are not talking about your normal everyday house cat or dog," Lutz said. "These are 300-pound Bengal tigers that we have had to put down.

When we got here, obviously, public safety was my No. 1 concern. We could not have animals running loose in this county."



STATUS REPORT As of Wednesday evening, only one animal remained unaccounted for, officials said. Here is what happened to the animals. REUTERS

18 Bengal tigers dead 17 lions dead

6 black bears dead

3 mountain lions dead

2 grizzly bears dead. 1 recaptured 2 wolves dead

1 baboon dead

3 leopards recaptured

2 monkeys recaptured 1 macaque monkey missing





















When boobs talk, you should listen



Kim

Hi. It's us. Some of you may know us as "the girls" or "funbags." Others like to call us "melons"—but for those of you who don't know us that well, you can call us boobs, boobies, boobage ... whatever. No biggie.

We're normally really bouncy and upbeat, but today, we have to talk about something a little

serious. It's something we hate more than anything: cancer. Specifically, breast cancer.

And since it happens to be Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we thought it might be a good idea to plead our case and ensure that we're going to be around with you for as long as possible.

Why? Because you love us. In fact, everyone loves us. We're basically the prom queens of the human body. Dressed up, dressed down or wearing nothing at all, we always look amazing, and we never fail to cheer people up.

But now, we're in need of some cheering up. According to breastcancer.org, 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime—that's roughly 12 percent of the female U.S. population. Last year, there were more than 207,000 cases of invasive breast cancer diagnosed.

OK, so normally statistics such as these do not freak us out, because only old, saggy boobs get cancer-not young, perky chest puppies like us. Right?

Wrong. It turns out cancer does not discern between young and old mammaries. Case in point: Giuliana Rancic.

The 36-year-old E! News and Style Network host announced earlier this week that she discovered a tumor during a mammogram, while undergoing a round of in-vitro fertilization.

Thankfully, the cancer was detected in the early stages, meaning she has a good chance of a full recovery, following surgery and radiation therapy.

We may not be 36 yet, but we are getting there ... sooner than we'd like to admit. And while we're not exactly looking forward to the stretch marks, gravity and babies attacking us for food, we would like to still be around for those things.

So please, we're begging you. Take care of us. We have been so good to you. We get you dates. We give you a boost, literally!

It's vour turn.

First, get healthy. Overweight women are more likely to get breast cancer, according to cancer.org. And on the plus side, the smaller you get, the bigger we look.

Next, don't drink like every night is a frat party. We miss those days just as much as you do, but alcohol intake is one of the most established risk factors linked to breast cancer. In fact, according to one study, having more than one alcoholic drink a day can potentially increase the risk of breast cancer by 25 percent.

Also, please conduct self-exams on us. If we're lumpy or acting or looking weird, see a doctor. We like doctors, especially if they're good-looking.

We totally sound like your mom. We know how annoying she is. But we love you and we want to grow old with you. So please, be your own bra and support us.

JEN KIM IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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CORRECTION

The New York Yankees won the World Series in 2009. A column on Page 13 of Wednesday's RedEye incorrectly characterized the date of their most recent championship.



CTA ISN'T GOING

That's what we asked readers on our Facebook wall. (Check out the full CTA story on Page 9.) Here's a sampling of what we heard.

... jump for joy. -Vanessa Luis

... will wait for the other shoe to drop!

-Mo Ormiston

... will have more money for beer. Burp.

-Scott Karosas

... will continue taking it knowing DAMN well they will end up raising the fares anyways. - Aaron M. Powell

... will continue to use my u-pass and not be affected either way! I love you, college.

-Diana Rocha

... will not dislike my 75 minute commute more than I already do.

-Bobby Hillman



Spirit Day

Notice anything different on today's commute? It's Spirit Day, a day to wear purple as a sign of support for LGBT youths and a stand against bullying. Are you wearing purple? Tweet us a photo (@redeyechicago) or post on our Facebook wall (facebook.com/theredeye), and we might feature you in a gallery at redeyechicago.com.

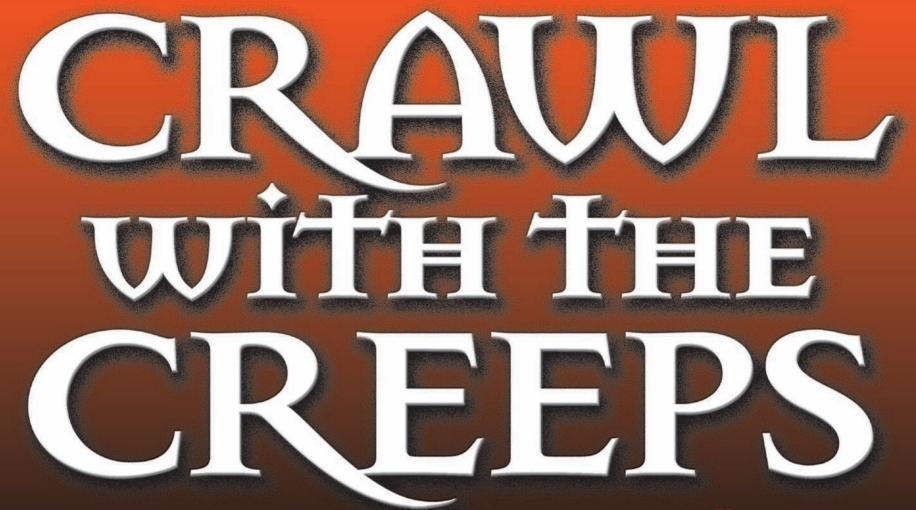
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FALL DATING GUIDE

ideas to take you through the season

By Emily Van Zandt IREDEYE

If summer is the season of scantily clad hotties and beachside bar hookups, fall is the time to settle into something a little cozier. The spectrum of fall dates can range from the downright scary (family Thanksgiving dinner, dear?) to the horribly cheesy (let's carve pumpkins by the fire!). "I really wanted [my boyfriend] to go with me as someone from 'True Blood' for Halloween," said Bex Allen, 25, of Bucktown. "He refused and we showed up as a vampire and a penguin in love. We obviously looked like the couple that was having problems communicating."

Luckily, Allen's fall dates haven't been all bad—her boyfriend showed up to cheer her on when she ran the Chicago Marathon in 2009, and stuck around to give her a post-race massage. Smooth move.

Whether you're looking to get closer over cocktails or at a haunted house, here are seven fall-ready date ideas (and things to avoid). You're welcome.

Indoor tailgating

Do: Avoid the parking lot crowd and head to a (semi) nearby bar. Conversation tends to flow more easily over a high top table than over the sounds of the radio pumping from your buddy's

parked SUV. Try a South Loop sports bar such as **Wabash Tap** (1233 S. Wabash Ave.), **Weather Mark Tavern** (1503 S. Michigan Ave.) or **The Scout Waterhouse and Kitchen** (1301 S. Wabash Ave.).

Don't: Forget to double-check team alliances before you drag your date to a den of fandom. A Packers dude at a Bears bar isn't going to be at his best. And always, always clarify alma maters: The lowa/lowa State and Michigan/Michigan State distinction? Major.



Fireside drinks

Do: Cocktails get a lot more cozy when sipped fireside. Cuddle over a round or two in the back room at **The Violet Hour** (1520 N. Damen Ave.) or toast with a couple pints at laid-back

tavern **Cork & Kerry** (10614 S. Western Ave.) in Beverly or Wicker Park's **Division Ale House** (1942 W. Division St.). For a full list of fireplace-housing date spots, head to **chicago.metromix.com/fireplace**.

Don't: That shelf that you've been using to prop up your flatscreen? The one with the brick-surrounded hole in the wall under it? Yes, that is a fireplace. But that doesn't mean it works. Do not try to lure your date back to your place before making sure that thing isn't just for decoration.

Haunted house handholding

Do: Take a mini-road trip out of town to **Fear City** (8240 N. Austin Ave.) in Morton Grove. The 40,000 square-foot attraction takes visitors through Chicago-theme spaces including an Uptown

clinic, a Fulton Market slaughter house and a "Blago" clown house—yikes. You can even impress your date by springing for a VIP upgrade: A few extra spooks and express entry for \$35 (regular entry is \$25).

Don't: This is no time for a surprise. Surprises are for flowers, tickets to that amazing show or a great restaurant pick. If your date isn't game for a haunted house, this will not end well. The face of sheer terror is never sexy.

Booze-influenced pumpkin carving

Do: Avoid all the mess of the tradition and carve at a bar. Booze and sharp objects? What could go wrong!? **Timothy O'Toole's** (622 N. Fairbanks Ct.) hosts its sixth annual pumpkin carving con-

test Friday and **Cans Bar & Canteen** (1640 N. Damen Ave.) will hold its fifth annual contest Wednesday. Want to mix in a romantic dinner? Carve premeal from noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 30 at **Quartino** (626 N. State).

Don't: Seriously, don't try this at home. Pumpkin carving can be one slimy mess. You're going to want some alcohol and someone else to clean up after you. Not to mention: Inviting a date over to your place for something that involves big knives? Kinda weird.



Comfort food binging

Do: Avoid a potential home cook-off disaster by heading out to grab some professionally made, hearty comfort

fare. Drop by Lincoln Park's **Barn & Company** (950 W. Wrightwood Ave.) for brisket and cornbread or fill up on meatloaf sandwiches and chicken and biscuit pie at **Northdown Café and Taproom** (3244 N. Lincoln Ave.) in Lakeview. **Don't:** Oh the joys of home cooking—long recipe searches, dirty dishes, risk of food poisoning. Before you go off trying to impress with your grandma's famous chili recipe, think it over.

Seasonal beer tasting

Do: Craft your own mini beer tasting by crawling from brewery to brewery trying what's new for the season.

A few don't-miss stops: **Revolution Brewing** (2323 N. Milwaukee) in Logan Square, West Loop's **Haymarket Pub & Brewery** (737 W. Randolph St.) and Wicker Park's pizza-and-beer favorite, **Piece** (1927 W. North Ave.).

Don't: So you brew your own beer? Oh, that's cool. And you have a pumpkin version? Sweet. Does your date care? Not really.

Low-key holiday planning

Do: Not into Halloween parties? Take your costume-free date to Fountainhead (1970 W. Montrose Ave.) on Halloween proper for a night of pumpkin-filtered beer and pumpkin desserts along with a screening of "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown." Neither of you are going home for Thanksgiving? Try to grab a reservation at Chicago Cut Steakhouse (300 N. La Salle St.) for its three-course dinner Nov. 24. Act fast—the spot recently was named one of the best new restaurants in 2011 by Esquire magazine.

Don't: Unless your date is a long-term significant other, don't include any sort of family function in your plans. Even if it does mean free food and booze.



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No CTA fare hikes—yet

Chicago Tribune

CTA leaders are counting on the support of the public as they go toe-to-toe with the agency's labor unions to trim next vear's budget deficit.

The good news is that Jan. 1 will not find CTA riders ringing in 2012 with fare hikes or service cuts. But both scenarios are possible by summer if the transit agency fails to win unprecedented concessions to rein in union contracts and change work rules, officials said Wednesday.

In a proposed 2012 CTA budget titled "Reform and Renewal," a near-record \$277 million deficit would be eliminated. The plan calls for a combination of \$117 million worth of cuts in bureaucracy and assorted nonunion savings, plus \$160 million in other cost reductions—half of which would come from union labor reforms, restricting wage growth and revising health care benefits, CTA officials said.

"I cannot in good conscience ask our customers to dig into their pockets for more fares or ask our customers to wait longer ... until we have gone to our labor partners and negotiated for fundamental reform of work rules," CTA President Forrest Claypool said.

Claypool cited absenteeism that costs the CTA \$40 million annually and inflexible work rules that limit productivity. Paid days off for birthdays and employment anniversaries, abuses of overtime and paying employees tens of millions of dollars annually for time in which no work is done must end,

"I'm asking them to recognize that the world we live in has changed and that the old ways just don't make sense anymore," Claypool said.

The union representing CTA bus drivers, train operators and other employees quickly declared the CTA's plan for \$80 million in labor reforms and work-rule changes dead on

"Mr. Claypool must think he is Superman, being able to square the account by trying to scare our union membership with union-busting threats," said Robert Kelly, president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 308, which represents CTA rail workers.



A look at the contracts

CTA management said Wednesday it is targeting changes to "antiquated work rules" to save money. Here are some of the current rules the agency cited. REDEYE

- » Employees are given 21/2 times their pay if they work on their birthdays or employment anniversaries.
- » Bus and rail operators who lose their licenses to DUI convictions remain on the payroll for six months as they try to get their licenses back
- » Some employees are chauffeured to the start of their shifts.
- » A switchman, not the rail operator, must drive a train the final hundred feet into a maintenance
- » Three tradespeople are required to perform some tasks, such as brake checks, that would require only one in the private sector.

That's the CTA's proposed 2012 budget, 5.1 percent less than the 2011 budget, officials said.

CTA President Forrest Claypool discusses the agency's proposed 2012 budget Wednesday. ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE

THE DIGIT

\$5.89 million

That's the listed price for the Lake Forest home director John Hughes owned and occupied for many years until his death in 2009. According to the real estate listing, the 11,233-square-foot mansion includes 21 rooms, seven bedrooms, six fireplaces and a three-car heated garage.



EXPRESS LINES

- » A Chicago man filed a lawsuit Wednesday against the Grammy-winning rap group Bone Thugs-n-Harmony, accusing rapper Bryon McCane-known as Bizzy Boneof assaulting him and his cousin after a concert at the Congress Theater in June.
- » The daughter and son of a Chicago firefighter are suing the owners of an abandoned South Shore laundromat, alleging their failure to properly maintain the building resulted in their father's death last year. TRIBUNE

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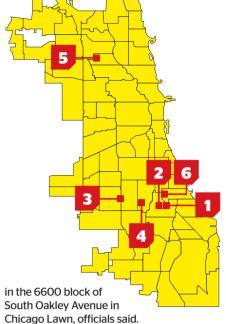
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Greater Grand Crossing saw two homicides in the past week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

On Tuesday, a 20-year-old man was shot to death in the 6400 block of South King Drive, police said. Five days earlier, a 23-year-old man was fatally shot in the 7100 block of South Rhodes Avenue, officials said.

Greater Grand Crossing has recorded 19 homicides so far this year. The South Side community area logged 15 homicides last year, according to RedEye data.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were recorded in the last week in Avondale, Englewood and South Shore, RedEye determined. Meanwhile, a 24-year-old man was stabbed to death Sunday



Twenty homicides have been recorded so far this month. Police recorded 35 homicides in October 2010, RedEve found.

Homicides from Oct. 12 to 4 p.m. Wednesday. Note: All locations had one victim.

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- **200 BLOCK OF E. 71ST ST.** Date: Oct. 15 Cause: Gunshot
- 6600 BLOCK OF S. OAKLEY AVE. Date: Oct. 16 Cause: Stabbing
- 6900 BLOCK OF S. ABERDEEN ST. Date: Oct. 17 Cause: Gunshot
- 3400 BLOCK OF N. LAWNDALE AVE. Date: Oct. 18 Cause: Gunshot
- 6400 BLOCK OF S. KING DR. Date: Oct. 18 Cause: Gunshot



Wall of water

A wave breaks over the lakefront path Wednesday evening near North Avenue Beach. The city shut down parts of the path earlier in the day after high winds kicked up 25-foot waves, leading to washouts up and down the shoreline. A high-wind warning was in effect for the Chicago area until 10 a.m. Thursday. william deshazer/tribune





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Antidepressant use soars in U.S., new study says

More than one in 10 Americans over the age of 12 takes an antidepressant, a class of drugs that has become wildly popular in the past several decades, U.S. government researchers said Wednesday. Antidepressants were the thirdmost common drug used by Americans of all ages between 2005 and 2008, and they were the most common drug among people aged 18-44, according to an analysis by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics.

lt's a girl!

French first lady Carla Bruni gave birth to a baby girl Wednesday, French media reported. It's her first child with husband President Nicolas Sarkozy, and the first baby born to a French presidential couple in office. Sarkozy has three children from his two previous marriages, while Italian-born Bruni has a son from a former relationship.

Captive case update

The suspects charged with imprisoning four mentally disabled people in a Philadelphia boiler room may have been holding seven other people, including the accused ringleader's 19-yearold niece and six children, police said Wednesday. Also on Wednesday, a fourth suspect was charged in the case.

Storms slam South Florida

Severe weather has damaged more than 50 homes in several South Florida towns. officials said, and schools in the Florida Keys were canceled Wednesday because of heavy rain and lightning. No serious injuries were reported



In one of the largest demonstrations in Athens in years, police officers stand guard Wednesday outside the Greek parliament building—surrounded by items hurled at them by protesters. REUTERS

Greek protest slams capital

ATHENS Protesters and police clashed violently in front of the Greek parliament building Wednesday, as tens of thousands of demonstrators gathered in Athens on the first day of a two-day general strike over austerity measures.

At least six protesters and 15 police officers were injured amid the disturbances, police said, and at least 15 people were arrested.

Strikers in Greece aim to shut down wide sectors of the country, as lawmakers debate a new round of tough cost-cutting measures.

Lawmakers passed the new austerity law in principal in an initial round of voting Wednesday, in a 154-141 vote, with five lawmakers absent. Parliament still must vote on each article of the legislation Thursday before it can become law.

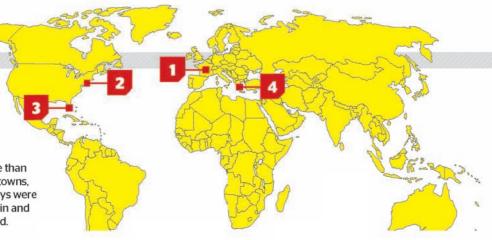
"Don't bow your head; it's time for resistance and struggle," marchers chanted in the capital earlier as they gathered for the unionbacked demonstration.

The violence broke out around lunchtime in one corner of the square, beside Parliament House, as a group of protesters dressed mostly in black threw rocks and Molotov cocktails at police.

Officers fired tear gas and stun grenades, or "flash bangs," in return, sending noisy detonations echoing round the square.

Police estimated that more than 70,000 people were protesting in Athens, and said they planned to put between 2,500 and 3,000 officers on the streets.

Organizers estimated the turnout at 120,000 people.



THE DIGIT

CBS will celebrate the 60th an-

niversary of its famous "eye" logo Thursday. The network debuted the logo Oct. 20, 1951, during station breaks, accord-

ing to The Hollywood Reporter. While CBS has altered the color and size of the logo slightly since then, the eye has basically remained unchanged.



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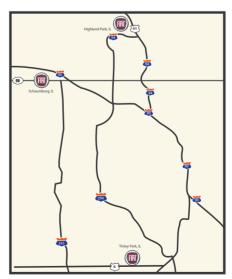


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The man who was arrested at Rivers Casino in Des Plaines after police said he slapped Bears receiver Devin Hester in the back of the head has apologized. "Now I can't even enjoy a game anymore because of the bad choice I made," Daniel Rago, 52, said in an interview with Fox Chicago.

HEAR THEM GROW

Rounding up the good, the bad and the unhappy in the Bears' world

Chicago Tribune

As the Bears prepare for Sunday's matchup with Tampa Bay in London, there's no shortage of talking points. From some players earning accolades to others speaking out about their distaste for certain rules, the team has plenty to say.

THE GOOD

On Payton's heels

Kicker Robbie Gould is closing in on a milestone involving Walter Payton. Gould ranks third in Bears career scoring with 739 points (172 field goals, 223 extra points) and is just 12 points shy of surpassing Payton for second place on the list. Former kicker Kevin Butler is the franchise's all-time leading scorer with 1,116 points.

Hester runs away with it

Devin Hester was named the NFC's special teams player of the week for the second time in three weeks. He returned a kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown in the Bears' win over Minnesota on Sunday. It was the 16th kick return score of his career. extending an NFL record. Hester also earned the honor in Week 4.

Cutler: No regret for curse

Quarterback Jay Cutler acknowledged Wednesday that he shouted an obscenity directed toward offensive coordinator Mike Martz during Sunday night's victory. Asked if he regretted what he said, Cutler replied,

Martz indicated he knew nothing of the controversy. "If [the curse] was at me, that's probably the nicest thing a player said to me during a game," Martz said with a laugh. " .. That's not an issue. It's just part of the deal."

Briggs: Contract disputes distracting

Linebacker Lance Briggs did nothing Tuesday to dispel the notion that the gap seems wider than ever between Bears players and management.

Taping his Comcast SportsNet show "Countdown to Kickoff," Briggs suggested the unusual amount of bickering over player contracts since training camp "takes away from wanting to go out on the field and just play."

Will he or won't he?

Devin Hester was held out of Wednesday's practice after suffering a chest injury in Sunday's win over Minnesota. Hester wouldn't speculate on his status for Sunday's game vs. Tampa Bay in London. Coach Lovie Smith indicated the injury wasn't serious. Nuccio DINUZZO/TRIBUNE PHOTO

Website gears up for a fight

By Ted Gruber

FOR REDEYE

Although the mixed martial arts landscape is dominated by men, female fighters have been pushing for a bigger share of the spotlight. In the meantime, Elisabeth Nuesser found a way to help fill a clothing void for female fans and fighters. The 31-year-old president and CEO of Fight Chix (fightchix.com), who hails from Naperville, spoke to RedEye about how the company evolved.

How did Fight Chix get started?

The company started in 2006 and my husband has been in martial arts his entire life. Jake had me watch the fights with him and I really didn't like it at first. However, "The Ultimate Fighter" Season I debuted on TV ... and that's when I started to love MMA. ... I also did my research on the sport and found out there were a lot of woman fighters.

Literally, one night I was drinking way too much Monster and I turned on Spike TV and watching all these fighters walk to the ring in different brands. So I asked Jake how come there wasn't anything just for women and he challenged me of creating my own brand. We came up with the name that night and a few weeks later a logo and website.

Has there been any backlash from men in the sport?

All these fighters and others that work in the sport have wives and girlfriends, and they enjoy the female merchandise because they feel like they are a part of something. I know there are times where I need to put the CEO hat on and not take things so personal at times when people insult or talk about the company in a negative light. Overall though the backlash has been pretty minuscule.

How has the reaction been from the people in Chicago regarding your products?

It has been very good with the amount of people wanting to buy our products, and we really started moving along more and more at the latter half of 2010. The product is now making its way around to Spencer's [stores] in the area and also worldwide, but we never forget where we are from. Chicago is our home and where we got started, so we can never forget where we got the ball rolling. TED GRUBER BLOGS ABOUT MIXED MARTIAL ARTS AT CHICAGONOW.COM/MMADISPUTED.

HE UNHAPPY



After being fined by the NFL in consecutive weeks this season for a total of \$45,000, safety Brandon Meriweather (left) said the league has gone too far in its crackdown on illegal hits.

'They teach you growing up that you've got to be violent and put the fear of God in people, but when you

get to the league that you've been dreaming about your whole life, they tell you to change your game 100 percent or get money taken from you," Meriweather told Sports Illustrated in the magazine's Oct. 24 issue.



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How can the Cubs pressure Boston into accepting their terms for Theo Epstein?

It involves Tom Brady getting "lost" on his way home from practice one

"You've seen 'The Depahted.' In Chicago we play rough too. Ever seen 'Ferris Buellah'?"

86 years without a title and these guys have two. Pretty sure pressure is irrelevant.

Threaten to send Ronnie Woo-Woo on a one-way trip to Boston with a Red Sox uniform.

I think we can all agree to stop pronouncing our R's if the Cubs win the World Series.

Who said this: "The last thing I want is to have the entire state of Texas to be mad at me"?

Benny the Bull. Texans will barbecue anything.

I thought we agreed Jeff Foxworthy would never be mentioned ever again.

Lance Berkman, But Tony Romo should steal it.

Tony Romo, before throwing yet another game-ending pick-six.

A post-Nolan Ryan Robin Ventura? Roy Williams

If tobacco is banned from baseball, what's next?

The NBA will ban yelling after ho-hum plays. Pay attention, Carlos Boozer. Far fewer injuries occur when the game's all imagination. Until all the batthrowing incidents.

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explaining his latest dropped pass? I give up. Privacy screens in the

dugout so players can more

discreetly scratch their

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Why did the Bears have no luck trading Chris Harris?

The Bears tried to throw in the Soldier Field turf so you can imagine how that went over.

His name's too generic. Offer Chrismajesty Harristaneous and you've got something.

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crotches. The other teams all used their time off during the lockout

How should Derrick Rose spend his time in Hawaii later this month?

Practice dribbling on an erupting volcano. After that, NBA defenses will be a piece of cake

Practice ... to master proper form when lifting fruity drink and avoiding the tiny umbrella to reach the straw. With this lockout and his freakish athleticism, pick up a surfboard and make a run at the ASP.

How could he be going to Hawaii? The NBA lockout should be over by then. right? Right?

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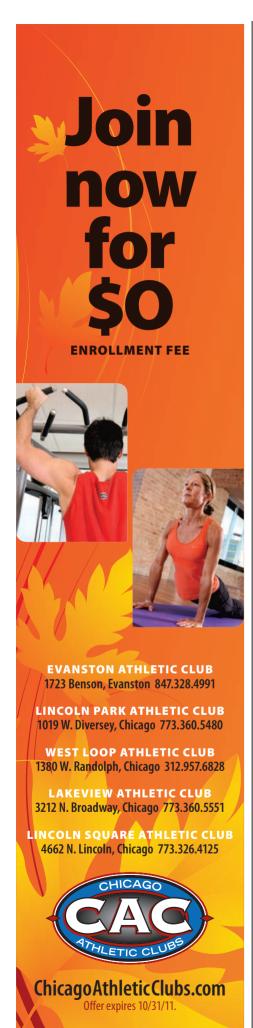


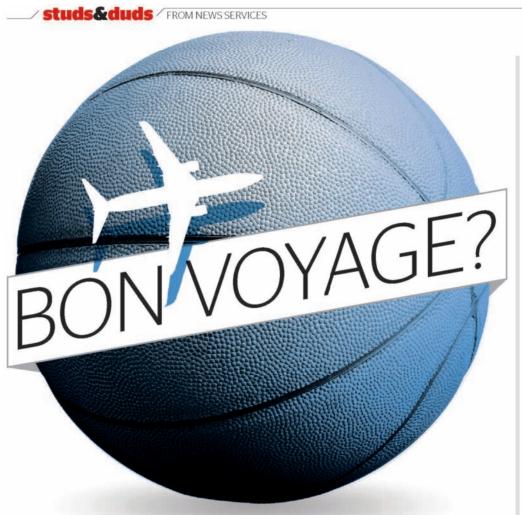


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Rose, Boozer may be joining an all-stars world tour

The domestic lockout tour of NBA stars apparently is about to take to the world stage.

In the wake of a report by a Puerto Rico newspaper last week, ESPN and Yahoo are reporting that a group of NBA stars that would include Miami's Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh and LeBron James are poised to participate in a sixgame world all-star tour from Oct. 30-Nov. 9, with stops in Puerto Rico, London, Macau and Australia.

While the event is contingent on the continuation of the NBA's work stoppage, the NBA already has canceled games scheduled through Nov. 15, with additional rolling cancellations expected to be forthcoming if there is no progress

in the federal mediation that continues Thursday.

According to the ESPN report, Wade and Bosh already have signed contracts for the sixgame tour, with James expected to follow.

Also listed as possible participants are the Bulls' Derrick Rose and Carlos Boozer, the L.A. Lakers' Kobe Bryant, the L.A. Clippers' Blake Griffin, the N.Y. Knicks' Carmelo Anthony and Amare Stoudemire, New Orleans' Chris Paul, Boston's Rajon Rondo and Paul Pierce, Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook and Kevin Durant, and Minnesota's Kevin Love.

According to the reports, compensation for the tour would run from six figures to \$1 million per player, plus expenses.

THE DIGIT

\$170 MILLION

That's how much money in salaries NBA players have lost due to game cancellations so far. NBA owners and players ended negotiations Wednesday after more than eight hours, and federal mediator George Cohen said the sides would resume bargaining Thursday afternoon.

MOUTH WATCH

[NBA Com-missioner Davidl Stern's version of what has been going on behind closed doors has of course been disputed. but his efforts were typical of a commissioner who has always seemed eager to be viewed as some kind of modern plantation overseer, treating NBA men as if they were his boys."

–HBO "Real Sports" host Bryant Gumbel, during an editorial on Tuesday's show



Ex-pitcher was too high for World Series parade

Dwight Gooden (left) watched the 1986 N.Y. Mets' victory parade from a drug dealer's apartment, too high and paranoid to participate in the celebration with his teammates. The former star pitcher spoke with ESPN's "E:60" for a show that aired Wednesday.

"Here I am in the projects in a drug dealer's apartment with guys I don't even know, with drugs in the house, watching it," Gooden said of the parade. "It's a horrible feeling."



Fourth time's no charm

Could it be that Chicago is a more forgiving town that Washington? Former Bears quarterback Rex Grossman (left) learned Tuesday he had lost his starting job with the Redskins. He threw four interceptions in Sunday's loss to Philadelphia. Jay Cutler can relate, Rex. The Bears QB was picked off four times by Washington's

DeAngelo Hall in one game last season, so maybe there's hope Grossman's career can recover.

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Kelsey Grammer plays the title role in the new political drama, "Boss," but even he admits Chicago is one of its main characters.

Grammer, who stars as Chicago Mayor Tom Kane on the Starz series that premieres Friday, said he "got a sense of the city all the time" while filming at Cinespace Studios on the Southwest Side and around the city this spring and summer.

"Certainly we chose Chicago because it is the City of the Big Shoulders," Grammer told me

during a phone conversation with reporters. "And that typifies who this guy is. Tom Kane's life energy, if you will, comes from Chicago. It bolsters that man, you know? His choices, his life, his energy, is as big as that town, and it's pretty damn big. It's got a swagger about it, an interesting dynamic that really is unique to Chicago.

"It is his relationship with that city, his relationship with the history of that city that makes him a remarkable guy. And that's what I like about him."

Some viewers may not find Kane likeable at all. He's ruthless, unforgiving, demanding and generally unpleasant to be around. He's determined to cement his place in history as one of Chicago's greatest mayors, and does so through the use physical force, intimidation

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"Boss" uses Chicago actors for about "30 speaking parts per episode," creator Farhad Safinia told the Tribune. Among them are veteran theater actors Francis Guinan (playing Gov. Mac Cullen) and Karen Aldridge (as neurologist Dr. Ella Harris) and Northwestern grad Rotimi Akinosho (as Darius Morrison).

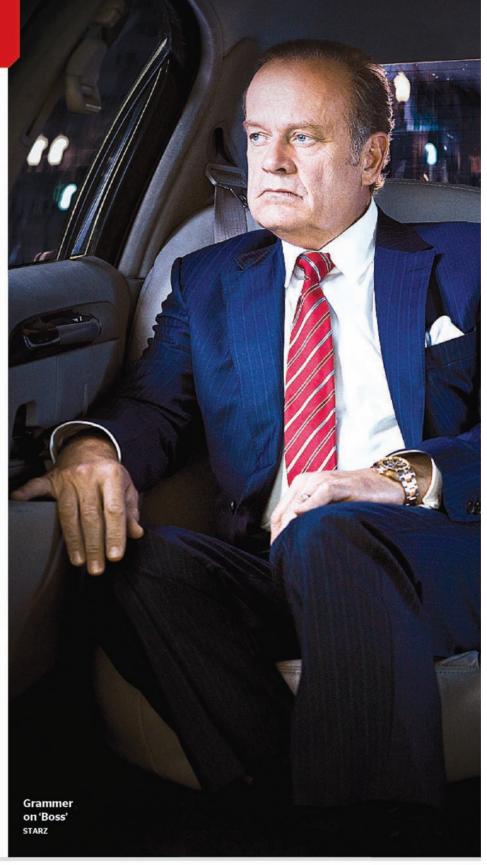
and backroom deals.

Grammer, 56, still is best known for his role as fussbudget Dr. Frasier Crane on the comedies "Cheers" and "Frasier." Fans will forget Grammer the comedic actor in the series premiere, where he learns he has a degenerative brain disorder that eventually will take his life and has no one to lean on, as his marriage is a sham and he hasn't spoken with his former drug addict daughter in years. Paranoia creeps into the picture as he decides to tell no one about the disorder that threatens his power.

"Boss" is a big, operatic story of betrayals, intrigue and violence that so impressed the brass at Starz it was renewed weeks before the premiere. The production is expected to return to Chicago in February to start filming Season 2—and soak up more of that Windy City vibe.

Grammer, who also serves as executive producer for the series, said that although the show's creator, Farhad Safinia, borrowed liberally from and was inspired by Chicago's "storied history of colorful mayors," viewers should keep in mind that "Boss" is a fictional series.

He has met Mayor Emanuel and ex-Mayor Richard M. Daley, and "I assured both of them that I was not portraying either one of them."



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 Munger Road (PG-13) 12:15,2:50,5:20,7:50,10:20
 Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 12:01
 Footloose (PG-13) 11:45,2:30,5:10,8:00
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 Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 12:01 A.M.

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

- Real Steel (PG-13) ★ 7:15,9:50 The Ides of March (R) ★ 5:20,7:30,9:40 50/50 (R) 5:30,7:40,9:50 Moneyball (PG-13) 7:00,9:45

- FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
 - (888) AMC-4FUN Show times change daily
- Dolphin Tale (PG) 10:25,1:15
- Abduction (PG-13) 10:30,4:20,9:10 Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 10:00,12:00
- Shark Night 3D (PG-13) 1:35.6:55
- AMC Independent The Woman (R) 10:45,1:30,4:00,6:45,9:20
 The Ides of March (R) 10:55,1:20,4:10,6:40,9:25
- The Lion King 3D (G) 11:30,1:55,4:05,6:20,8:55
- Killer Elite (R) 10:00 P.M.
- AMC Independent Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain (R) 10:40.1:00.3:10.5:30.7:45
- AMC Independent **Munger Road** (PG-13) 11:00,1:40,4:10,6:50,9:30 **Labios Rojos** (R) 11:05,1:50,4:30,7:15,10:05
- AMC Independent The Greatest Miracle (NR) 12:00,2:00,4:00,6:00,8:00
- Footloose (PG-13) 10:45.1:30.4:15.7:00.9:50
- Real Steel (PG-13) 10:10,1:00 The Thing (R) 11:10,12:15,1:45,2:45,4:35,5:25,7:10,7:55,9:45,10:20
- Dream House (PG-13) 10:20,12:55,3:30,6:10,8:45 Dolphin Tale 3D (PG) 3:50,6:30,9:30

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street (312) 846-2800

- The Interrupters (NR) 6:00,8:15 Rebecca Meyers: Blue Mantle (NR) 6:00 P.M. Bill Cunningham New York (NR) 8:30 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago (773) 252-0628

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MUSIC BOX

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■ The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975 (NR) 5:10,7:20,9:40 Limelight (NR) 5:10,7:20,9:30

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6008 W. Irving Park Road (773) 685-4291

Killer Elite (R) 7:30

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

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- Dolphin Tale (PG) 11:05,4:40,10:25
- Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 10:00,12:01
- Moneyball (PG-13) 11:00,2:10,5:20
- Johnny English Reborn (PG) 12:01 A.M.
- Drive (R) 11:30,2:15,5:00,7:40,10:30
- 50/50 (R) 11:20.2:00.4:40.7:20.10:10
- The Ides of March (R) 11:15,1:50,4:20,7:15,10:00
- Contagion (PG-13) 11:00 A.M.
- The Lion King 3D (G) 11:40.2:10.4:40.7:10.9:45
- Killer Elite (R) 11:30,2:30,5:30,8:30,11:30
- Ghostbusters (PG) 7:00 P.M.
- Footloose (PG-13) 11:30.1:00.2:30.5:30.8:30
- Real Steel (PG-13) 11:45.2:50
- The Three Musketeers 3D (PG-13) 12:01 A.M.
- The Thing (R) 11:05,1:55,4:45,8:35,11:15
- What's Your Number? (R) 11:50,2:40,5:35,8:10,11:00
- The Mighty Macs (G) 12:01 A.M
- Dream House (PG-13) 11:10,1:50,4:25,7:00,9:40
- Dolphin Tale 3D (PG) 1:45.7:30

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC) (800) 326-3264 #2309

- Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 10:00,12:01
- Ghostbusters (PG) 7:00 P.M.

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago (800) 326-3264 #1641

- What's Your Number? (R) 2:20 Drive (B) 12:45.3:05.5:25.7:50

- Moneyball (PG-13) 1:10,4:10,7:15,10:15 Killer Elite (R) 10:20 50/50 (R) 12:05,2:25,4:45,7:05,9:25
- Real Steel (PG-13) 12:40,3:40.6:40.9:50
- The Ides of March (R) 12:15.1:50.2:50.4:15.5:15.6:50.7:40.9:20.10:10

- The Big Year (PG) 12:10,2:30,4:50,7:10,9:30 The Big Year (PG) 12:10,2:30,4:50,7:10,9:30 Footloose (PG-13) 12:20,1:40,2:40,4:20,5:20,7:00,8:00,9:40,10:40 The Thing (R) 12:30,3:00,5:00,5:40,7:30,8:10,10:50 Paranormal Activity 3 (R) Advance Tickets Available

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago (800) 326-3264 #1646

- Abduction (PG-13) 1:40,4:25,6:55,9:35

 Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 10:00,12:01

 AMC Independent The Woman (R) 1:45,4:20,7:00,9:40

 The Big Year (PG) 2:20,4:50,7:20,9:50

 The Lion King 3D (G) 3:05,5:20

 Killer Elite (R) 1:00,3:50,6:35,9:20

 AMC Independent Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain (R) 1:00,3:20,5:45,8:05,10:25

 AMC Independent Meyer Road (PG-13) 2:50,5:15,7:30,9:55
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 AMC Independent Munger Road (PG-13) 2:50,5:15,7:30,9:55

 Labios Rojos (R) 2:15,4:45,7:15,9:45

 Footloose (PG-13) 1:55,4:35,7:25,10:05

 Real Steel (PG-13) 1:10,4:10,7:10,10:10

 The Thing (R) 2:00,3:00,4:30,5:30,7:05,8:00,9:30,10:30

 Dream House (PG-13) 2:25,5:05,7:40,10:20

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

- 4779 W. Cermak., Cicero (800) 326-3264 #1644
- Dolphin Tale (PG) 12:00,5:05,10:30
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 Abduction (PG-13) 12:40,3:10,5:40,8:10,10:35
 Paranormal Activity 3 (R) 10:00,11:00,12:15
 Johnny English Reborn (PG) 12:01 A.M.
 The Big Year (PG) 1:00,3:20,5:45,8:20,10:40
 50/50 (R) 1:45,4:20
 The Ides of March (R) 12:40,3:05,5:35
 Contagion (PG-13) 1:30,4:10,9:35
 The Lion King 3D (G) 12:15,2:35,4:50,7:05,9:25
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 Dream House (PG-13) 12:05,2:30,5:00,7:45,10:25
 Dolphin Tale 3D (PG) 2:30,7:55

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- Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago (312) 564-2104
- Dolphin Tale 3D (PG) 2:30 P.M. The Three Musketeers 3D (PG-13) ★ 12:00 A.M. Ghostbusters (PG) ★ 7:00 P.M. Footloose (PG-13) ★ 12:30,1:00,1:40,3:30,4:00,4:50,6:20,7:00,7:45,9:30,10:30
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- - VIP Premium 21+

■ Footloose (PG-13) ★ VIP Premium 21+ 1:00,4:00,7:00 ■ Paranormal Activity 3 (R) ★ VIP Premium 21+10:00,12:00,12:15 ■ The Big Year (PG) ★ VIP Premium 21+ 2:15,5:10,8:10

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- LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)
- 1022 Lake Street, Oak Park (630) 444-FILM #560

- (630) 444-FLM #5bU

 Dolphin Tale (PG) 4:00

 Paranormal Activity 3 (R) ★ 10:00

 Moneyball (PG-13) 1:00,4:10,7:00,9:50

 Moneyball (PG-13) 1:00,4:10,7:00,9:50

 The Ides of March (R) ★ 12:00,2:20,4:40,7:00,9:20

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 Footloose (PG-13) ★ 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00

 Real Steel (PG-13) ★ 12:00,4:56,6:50,9:35

 Dolphin Tale 3D (PG) 1:30,6:30

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THE'S' **IS FOR** SLOW?

Nobody's perfect. And despite generally strong reviews and record early sales, the iPhone 4S is no exception.

Apple's new phone went on sale Friday. So far, there's been no 4S equivalent to the iPhone 4's "Antennagate." But as folks put their new gadget through its paces, some early complaints have appeared on online message boards.

Some of these may be early-run blips. Whether they become enduring causes of headaches remains to be seen. Apple did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

5 IPHONE 4S COMPLAINTS

Slow service on Sprint

The big news on the carrier front for the iPhone 4S was that Sprint would be added as an approved mobile carrier, joining AT&T and Verizon. Some Sprint customers didn't get off to a very good start. Many users were reporting slow data speed for the first couple of days.

Weak battery

Phil Schiller, Apple vice president for product management, praised the 4S's "fantastic battery life" that would allow people to talk for eight hours before needing to charge the device again. But that's not the experience everyone is reporting.

Apple review site iLounge published a review of the phone, including battery-life comparisons. The review says that using Wi-Fi consistently and using the phone mainly for calls and Web browsing wears the battery out at roughly the same speed as the iPhone 4, while playing videos and music or using a 3G connection will drain it faster.

Siri outside U.S.

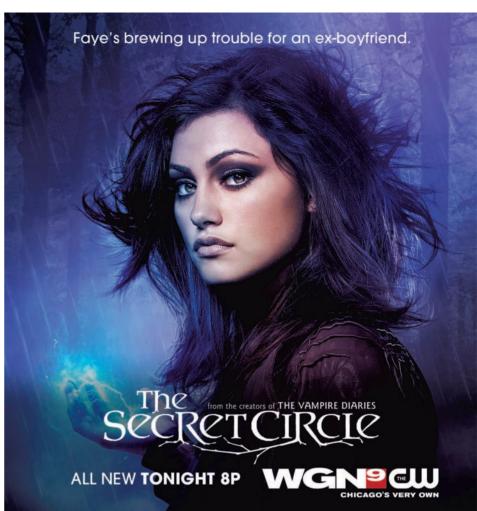
Demand for the iPhone 4S was clearly global. But one of its biggest selling-points, the built-in voice assistant Siri, only works fully stateside.

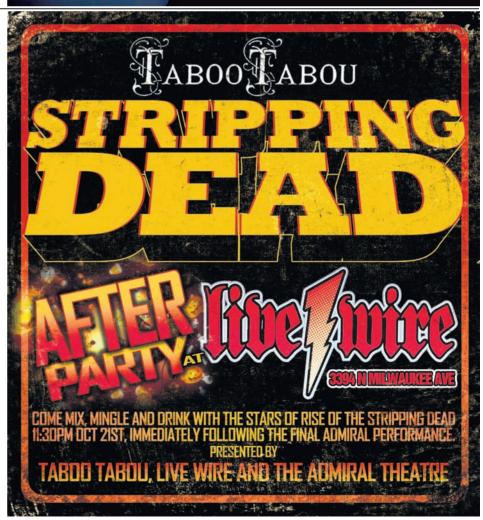
Camera problems

Another big selling point for the 4S is its 8-megapixel camera. Reviews of the images the phone renders have been overwhelmingly positive. But the same "shutter speed" complaints from previous iPhones appear to be back. In a forum discussion on Apple's site, some reported the camera got stuck with the shutter closed or moved slowly. Others said the camera wasn't working at all, although it looks like they largely were able to fix that by restarting the phone.

Screen appearance

Some buyers are reporting a yellowish tint or spots on the screen of their phones, making the resolution fuzzier than older phones. This is an issue previous iPhones had. While Apple never has officially explained it, technicians reportedly have said it's residue from the manufacturing process. The tint tends to fade after a couple of days.







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5 APPS TO GET LAZY WITH

CNN

We're in a time of flux, sandwiched somewhere between the crazy days of summer and the holidays. So kick back and celebrate laziness. Yes, laziness. Read on for five apps that are either tailored for the more malaise-laden among us.





Snooze

Waking up is hard to do, especially when the floor temperature starts dropping 10 degrees with each passing week. Snooze, a genius iOS app, lets you pledge 25 cents to a variety of charities each and every time you decide that you need another 10 minutes or so of sleep. If your boss chews you out for being late to work, just tell him you were volunteering.

Duodater

So you're not a total recluse, but the idea of sacrificing two nights out this week (one for dating, one for hanging with friends) is making your brain weary. Check out DuoDater. a new dating site that allows you to go on double dates with your friends. Also, if you're not that loyal a friend, it's like two dates in one night-score.



Zombies, run!

Some people look forward to their morning runs. Some of us wouldn't joa if our lives depended on it. Enter Zombies. Run! an upcoming app for iOS and Android that turns exercise into a terrifying game. You download the app, stick in your ear buds and let a narrator scare you into getting in shape. The more you run. the better chance of avoiding being eaten.



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Band of the day

Fool your music snob friends with Band of the Day, an iOS app that dishes out musical knowledge in easy-todigest screen-fulls. Each day, you'll get a bevy of info on one hand-selected band: original interviews, streaming music, videos and more. If your friends still doubt your expertise, just cast about your brain for the name of some buzz band and express disdain. Works every



Crowdmuq

The nights are getting longer-and damn colder. If the prospect of staying in seems more appealing than hitting the clubs, try Crowdmug. This iOS app lets you trade cash for pics of the scene at local bars and restaurants-thus checking out the crowd without leaving your couch. Other users collect the money you pony up to supply said photos. Or you could get off your sweatpantsencased arse and collect cash for your own snaps.



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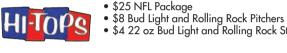


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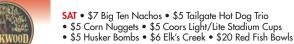
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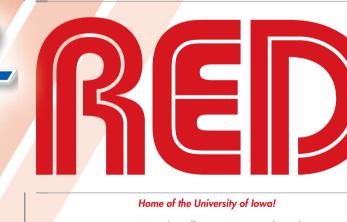
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Next up: Childhood

Executive chef Dave Beran and Co. get whimsical for latest culinary tour

By Lisa Arnett | REDEYE

It started with Paris 1906. Then, a tour of Thailand. Now Next, the West Loop restaurant from Alinea's Grant Achatz and Nick Kokonas that reboots its cuisine quarterly, is set to debut its third menu. The theme: Childhood, and it kicks off Saturday.

By now you know that to dine at **Next** (953 W. Fulton Market. 312-226-0858), you need tickets, not reservations. Nightowl fans got lucky when the restaurant pushed out a surprise ticket release at midnight Wednesday. Kokonas reports that about 90 of 120 seats were released for each night, leaving the rest for later releases to start after opening night, including same-day offers announced on the restaurant's Facebook page.

Like the past two menus, tickets are \$60 to \$110, depending on the day and time. But this release had a twists: "A single 10 p.m. table each night is priced at 1980 pricing of \$35 per person," Kokonas said.

A snapshot of a handwritten list of courses released on Twitter by Chef Dave Beran (@dcberan) on Tuesday afternoon provided a tiny taste of what's to come. (We were able to make out the following: mac 'n' cheese, Jello-O mold, sweet tarts and hot chocolate.) We caught up with Beran as he finalized the menu to chat about campfires, the restaurant's special chef's table and "Knight Rider" lunchboxes.

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What was the research phase like for this menu?

It's a lot of dialogue between chef [Grant Achatz] and I, and also with our whole staff, not just specific childhood dishes, but what it's like to be a child. We're trying to find those triggers that have that sense of wonder, sense of discovery, the idea that when you're small, everything seems big.

What course is most closely tied to your own memories?

The dessert is actually based off of sweet potato pie. My mom would always make sweet potato pie for Thanksgiving. ... For me, the sweet potato pie is a connection [to childhood], but for you it may not

be. So we decided to incorporate other more universal aspects into the courses as well, so for that one, it's basically served as a campfire on your table and we light it on fire. What you end up with is ... everyone sitting around a campfire for the last course.

When Grant Achatz (@gachatz) tweeted a photo of a Strawberry Shortcake lunchbox and called it Next's "serveware," people went crazy. Are you really serving a course in lunchboxes?

Oh yeah. I want to say, by the time it's all done, we'll have about 40 different lunchboxes. We had a good day of shopping on eBay. And it's cool, the "Knight Rider" one has a "Knight Rider" thermos with it. We tried really hard not too get too kitschy, but we wanted that one course that just

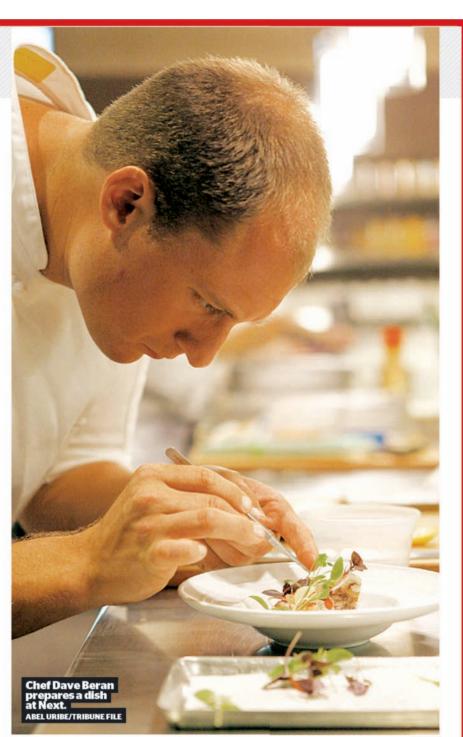
made people laugh when they got it.

How many courses are you serving?

I think the dining room works out to be II courses. And I want to say the [chef's] table works out to be 15. That still may change in the next day or so, but for the moment, yeah.

Do you have anything special planned for the six-person chef's table?

The chef's table is always extra courses. This one, there's a couple more experience things, like in Paris [1906] when we did the duck press at the table. So we're going to do an interactive thing where either myself or my sous chef comes into the kitchen table and works on a course with the guests.

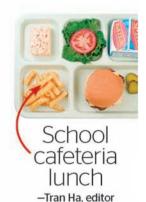


OUR FAVORITE FOOD MEMORIES

In honor of Next's childhood-inspired menu, we polled RedEye staffers for their most memorable food experiences as kids.

Beefaroni

-Tracy Swartz, reporter



Feta cheese

–Georgia Garvey, reporter



SpaghettiOs -Renee Mailhiot, intern

Fuddrucker's

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By Renee Mailhiot IREDEYS

If hosting a private marathon of "Scream" flicks and clocking out on candy corn isn't your idea of Halloween fun, then get out of the house and get to a bar. Whether it's an open bar, costume contests or a killer DJ you're looking for, these themed bar bashes have something for everyone:

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When: Oct. 28

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with \$5 Three Olives bombs all night long. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the door as long as they're still available—best bet is to snag'em online. When: Oct. 29



FOR 'NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS' NUTS

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FOR DEADLY DANCERS

When: Oct. 29

Enclave 220 W. Chicago Ave. 312-654-0234

This River North nightclub is transformed from its usual lounge atmosphere into an exaggerated, old, abandoned house/crime scene. The seventh annual "House of Horrors" bash features an open bar from

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When: Oct. 29

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Attend this River North bar's "Asylum in Wonderland" by entering through a "rabbit hole" hallway á la Alice. Guests can boogie on the white gothic dance floor, referencing the White Queen, or hang out in the back at the Mad Hatter's tea party gone wrong. Cover is \$10; a \$40 package includes cover and drinks from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

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The family that drinks together ... isn't mine



The Easter afternoon ended the way many American celebrations do—with a kitchen windowsill under siege by empty bottles of the best \$15-and-under grocery store wine and the remaining half of an overpriced spiralcut ham napping in the refrigerator.

But instead of wine-induced family quarrels, the evening

was capped by a trip to a bar down the street with old friends. This year marked my first time hosting a holiday away from home and, subsequently, the first that didn't shy away from free-flowing booze.

See, my family doesn't drink. Not really. Gifted bottles of wine and liquor from the holidays were stashed in a bin that held cooking oils as if they would all meet a similar fate. Packs of Bud Light were dutifully hauled in along with a bottle or two of Missouri's finest vino when we had company. The traditional Corona has, from time to time, been ordered with fajitas ... and there was the Christmas 2010 moonshine incident. But for the most part, the Van Zandts have remained a rela-

tively teetotaling clan.

It's a strange predicament for a nightlife writer. Where I got my penchant for a good flip and rye whiskey I'll never quite be sure. I can go out every weekend in the city, but here I am, nearly 25, and the thought of ordering a stout at a restaurant in front of my parents still makes me blush.

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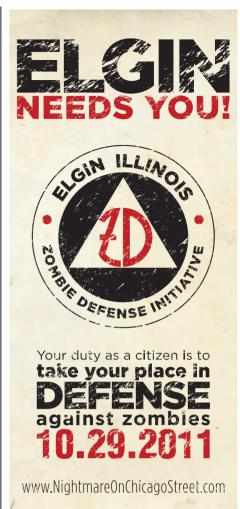
Some friends relate—they still can't get up the nerve to bring a bottle or two as a gift. But others have stories that are the complete opposite: Well-stocked family tailgates, buffets topped off with bowls of boozy punch, designated drivers to get aunts and uncles home safely Christmas Eve. Drifting off to sleep in a turkey and red wine-induced bliss? Must be kinda nice.

Of course, it seems everyone is just the tiniest bit envious of the opposite tradition. Red wine stains probably are pretty hard to get out of heirloom tablecloths, yet unspiked eggnog lacks the right zing.

But look out Van Zandts: I'm determined to make this the year I finally bring my alcohol-infused work home with me for the holidays. The only decision left is what to bring—I'm not sure that last Michelob Ultra Light in the family fridge has aged well.

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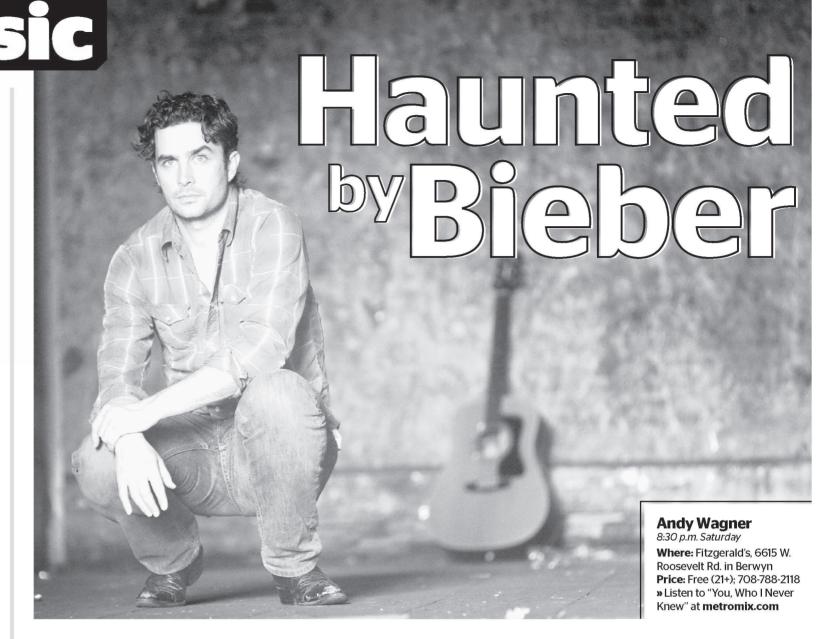
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What makes your live show great?

My live shows are great because they're never EVER the same! We always play new covers, new arrangements of my originals and I'm usually lucky enough to have sit in guests on different gigs.

Describe your sound in five words or less.

Haunting and dark Americana songs.

Tell us something random about the band, and why that's significant.

We accidentally became a band after being hired as the musicians for "All the Fame of Lofty Deeds," a play about the music and art of Jon Langford. We found such good chemistry that we've stayed together ever since (2009).

Whom would you want to work with, and with

whom would you never work? Why?

My dream would be to make a record with Daniel Lanois. He inspires me more than any other producer and seems to be attracted to the same sort of darkness that lures me. I would never want to work with anyone from Oasis because I just watched a documentary about them and remembered how awful they were as people.

If the band were a breakfast cereal, what would it be and why?

Probably LIFE because Mikey actually likes us too ...

What's the best album you've heard recently?

Paul Simon's "So Beautiful Or So What?" I couldn't stop listening to it for about 2 weeks. He's in his 70s and still making records better than most artists today.

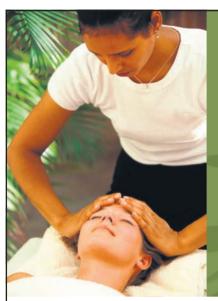
What song do you never want to hear again?

"Baby" by Justin Bieber.

What is Chicago's best music venue and why?

Fitzgerald's [Berwyn]. Nowhere else makes you feel so at home and welcome. Playing there is a truly different experience as a musician and the same holds true for seeing shows there. If I have to stay in the city limits ... I'd say the Hideout. I always feel at home at the Hideout. Literally, like I am at a family reunion or something. Always familiar faces, good vibes and drinks.

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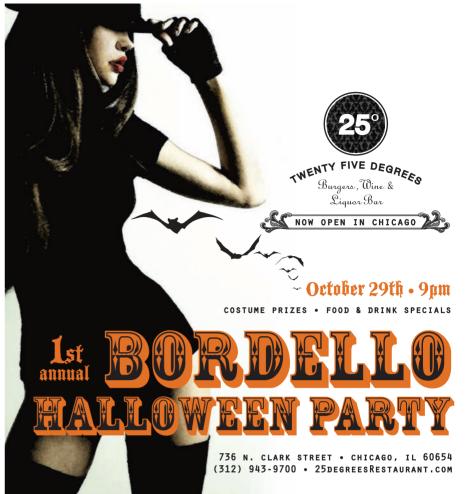
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Bjork pushes edges

On her new album, Icelandic singer/composer/producer/ sound-fetishist

"Biophilia (Nonesuch)



Björk moves deeper into the sonic abyss of her own creation, a so-called secret place that with each passing release seems to crystallize her aesthetic even further. An hourlong work that twinkles and shimmers, "Biophilia," her seventh release, continues to explore a universe she's built from scratch.

If you're even vaguely familiar with the singer in the past two decades, you know what you'll be getting in a new Björk full-length—at least musically: expansive electronic/acoustic structures that move in Frank Gehry-esque swoops as digital shards of rhythms and pretty sounds fly through your ears.

For "Biophilia," she's gone further into her imagination by creating not only music and videos but also an app for the iPad and other

Apple products that aims to immerse her fans so far into her mystique that they get the

But by constantly pushing at the edges—an admirable reflex, for sure—the experimentation at some point ceases to be dangerous and becomes force of habit, the mere fact of residing at the fringes no longer shocking in itself. Ideas and inclinations that Björk began exploring in the mid-1990s aren't turning into diamonds on "Biophilia" as much as becoming calcified. "Crystalline," for example, sounds like an outtake from 1997's "Homogenic," what with its drum-andbass breakbeat.

Interesting, yes, but not surprising. Ditto "Mutual Core," a painted-into-a-corner dirge about the "magnetic strife" of the tectonic plates in her chest. Which isn't to say that Björk has ceased to be a fascinating presence. It's that even the most impressive maneuvers cease to be surprising once the shock of the new wears off. LOS ANGELES TIMES



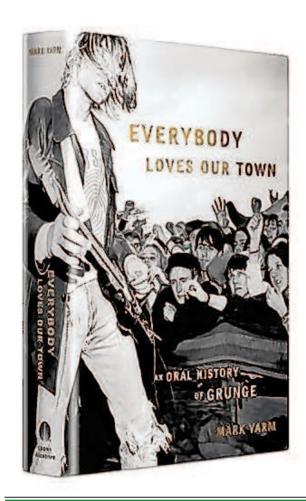




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Books on music really sing

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Fans this year are celebrating the 20th anniversary of landmark grunge albums such as Nirvana's "Nevermind" and Pearl Jam's "Ten." Though they have heard the tale of Seattle, Kurt Cobain and Sub Pop Records ad nauseam, a new tome is telling it once more with feeling—a lot of feeling, from a lot of people.

"Everybody Loves Our Town: An Oral History of Grunge" by Mark Yarm, former senior editor at Blender, is exhaustive and exhausting. Its 555 pages are culled from some 250 interviews, probing a scene that lacked many of rock and roll's more colorful notorieties.

Before the media blitz turned Seattle into a cash cow, the city's music was made by bored, snarky kids looking to entertain themselves. Seattle was hardly in the business of churning out the Sunset Strip rock stars that dominated the charts in the late '80s.

"Our Town" makes clear it wasn't cool to become that stereotype. Green River and Mudhoney member Mark Arm recounts how he witnessed former Sex Pistol Johnny Rotten throwing a fit because there was no La-Z-Boy in his dressing room. "You're supposed to be punk rock!" Arm says of Rotten's "outrageous behavior."

When Soundgarden toured with wild boys Guns N' Roses, the grunge band earned the nickname "Frowngarden" because its members weren't indulging in strippers and cocaine. "We weren't like that," recalls bassist Ben Shepherd. "We were there to play music."

Anecdotes about the scene's salad days take a grotesque turn once money enters the picture. Bands such as Nirvana and Pearl Jam sought out the major labels but couldn't control the co-opting of the scene by the mainstream, which seemingly exacerbated all the local bands' existing evils: drugs, ruined friendships, contract wars—the list goes on. The timeline slows to a halt with a series of low points, including Cobain's suicide, the death of nine fans during a Pearl Jam set in Denmark and the overdose of Alice in Chains' Layne Staley.

By the end, "Our Town" has thoroughly dissected the '90s music scene in Seattle, yet there's no way any book could overstate just how monumental the era truly was.

OTHER RELEASES:

Le Freak: An Upside Down Story of Family, Disco, and Destiny Nile Rodgers of Chic tells his story.



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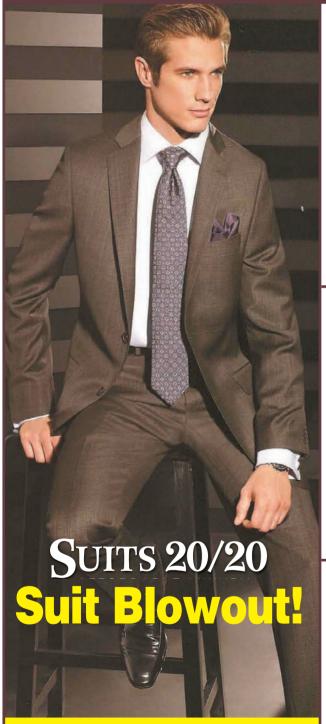


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By Jenniffer Weigel

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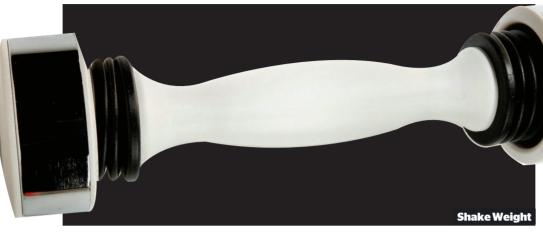
Toned arms are a hot commodity. Thanks to Michelle Obama, everybody wants them. But is it possible to achieve this look with very little effort? I was determined to find out, but with a full-time job and a 5-year-old, a personal trainer wasn't an option.

That's when the Shake Weight came into my life.

Like most of the world, I'd heard about this handheld weight through TV parodies rather than scientific research. This 2 1/2-pound weight was invented by Johann Verheem, chief executive of FitnessIQ, and it took the world by storm when it first hit the market more than two years ago.

"We've sold over 4 million," Verheem said. "We realized women wanted something that they could do a few minutes here and a few minutes there."

Verheem created a website with free



exercise downloads (howtoshakeit.com) so people use the Shake Weight correctly. The movement is simple (also lewd if you let your mind wander where it shouldn't): You hold the weight with both hands and pulse it back and forth. The vibration is supposed to tone your upper body. You can use it horizontally or vertically, depending on what muscles you're focusing on.

Confession: I bought the 5-pound male version because I figured if I got the heavier weight, I'd get faster results. I also made up my own routine: 50 pumps straight up and down, with the weight placed in front of my stomach, twice a day.

While the commercials say you need six minutes a day, I wanted to see what just two minutes a day would do.

After 30 days, my arms and shoulders were definitely more toned. But the real surprise was when I noticed definition in the area underneath my shoulder blades. Not only did this thing get rid of the "tharms" (the thigh sometimes found on the arm), the Shake Weight also attacks that pesky back flab, which can be a hard area to target.

Pleased with my results, I continued to pump daily. But after about three months, I started to feel I was getting bulkier.

"You aren't elongating the muscle," said Pierce Hutchings, a personal trainer who tests fitness trends and products. "Body builders do the small pulsations and don't allow the muscle to fully stretch—which is why sometimes they look like they can't put their

The solution, he said, is to add stretching exercises such as yoga and Pilates to my



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Alexander Wang hopes to open a store next year in Beijing, and launch a home accessories line.

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Style for young people

Los Angeles Times

Ralph Lauren, Michael Kors and Marc Jacobs may be the instantly recognizable names in American fashion today. But when it comes to the future establishment, Alexander Wang surely will be on the list.

At just 27 years old, he is the reigning superstar of New York Fashion Week. His runway shows are celebrity-studded, and his afterparties are not to be missed. He has a \$2 million Tribeca loft, his collection is sold in 500 venues worldwide and he already has attracted the attention of the world's biggest luxury group, LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton.

Famous fans Alicia Keys, Courtney Love and Lea Michele were front row at his runway show in September, while Amanda Hearst, Christina Ricci and Penn Badgley were among the guests at the self-avowed party boy's fraternity-themed after-party, which featured Jell-O shots, keg stands and performances by Odd Future and Tyler, the Creator.

Perhaps more than any other American designer working today, Wang is a product of his times, creating collections for a generation raised on the Internet, extreme sports and sexually suggestive imagery, and for whom nostalgia means 1990s grunge.

"I like energy and commotion and absorbing things," Wang said recently at his downtown Manhattan studio. "I'm always texting, watching TV and talking on the phone, even when my friends are over."

Like Tom Ford in his Gucci years, Wang sees the humor in bad taste. Stiletto sandals with mud flaps, blazers decorated with metal piercings, sparkly Lurex pants and handbags with enough studding to tick off airport security all are part of his sexy-with-a-wink aesthetic. But Wang also designs a lot of really wearable pieces, such as the washed silk sweatpants and ponte knit blazers in his T by Alexander Wang basics line and the botanical print parachute dresses and color-block intarsia knits from the spring 2012 runway collection he showed last month.

"Although his runway shows are very directional and very urban, the collections are easy to translate," says Ken Downing, fashion director of Neiman Marcus. "Whether it's sexy jersey dresses with high-low hems, leather jackets over sportswear pieces or flirty, feminine dresses, he's the [must-have] item guy."

His prices are well below those of most designer collections-\$182 for a jersey dress, \$315 for a panne velvet maxi skirt, \$585 for a silk streamer dress and up to \$3,995 at the top





Alexander Wang's (above) favorite haunts fort design inspiration include the **Kmart drugstore** department, Paragon Sports, Home Depot and fetish stores.

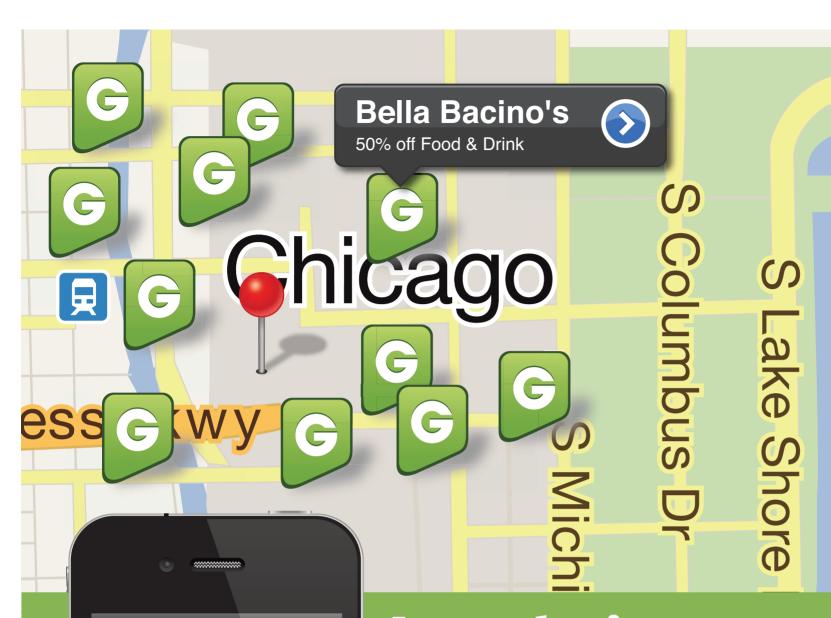
"I don't disregard anything, If I think something is really ugly, I want to find out why and I want to play with it. I want to challenge myself and make it work."

end for a leather and angora poncho straight from the runway. Accessories include \$595 pumps with rabbit tails and the bestselling \$875 studded Rocco bag.

"He gets his time and his contemporaries," said designer Diane von Furstenberg, who is president of the Council of Fashion Designers of America.

In December, Wang tapped Rodrigo Bazan, formerly of Marc Jacobs, as the first president of his company, which creates men's and women's wear and accessories. In March, he launched a comprehensive e-commerce site (the Web is the biggest driver of growth for the brand, Wang says). The same month, he opened his first bricks-and-mortar boutique in New York.

"Now more than ever, the world is changing," Wang said. "It's not just about being a designer. It's about being a creative person who can oversee an entire brand, down to the stores and the people who sell the product."



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Making way for man purses

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Minnesota Lynx fans watching the WNBA finals might have noticed a certain accourrement toted by rapper Lil Wayne. If it looked suspiciously like a purse, that's because it was

The "murse," or man purse, might not sound like something masculine types would even consider, but it's proving popular among not only celebrities but stylish guys of a certain age.

"Young guys like that kind of stuff, and the fact that other people notice what they're carrying," said Anthony Andler, who owns Heimie's Haberdashery in St. Paul, Minn., and designs the men's bags sold there. "Guys want to go back to something artful, back to those personal items that are important to us."

More important is that the container does not have a hint of girliness, said Larry Felitto, assistant sales and product manager of leather producer J.W. Hulme.

"A tote bag can be perceived as feminine, so you have to have a tote bag that doesn't look like a tote bag," Felitto said.

Size matters to a degree; more important are the look and utility. "Guys are really into how gear works," Andler said, "so it's important that the object is easy to use and has an aesthetic that connects emotionally. If it resembles a messenger bag or haversack in smaller form, they are likely to like that."

Toward that end, Andler has designed a bag that can be a clutch, or have



straps added (one for a shoulder bag, two for a backpack).

While containers such as J.W. Hulme's "correspondent bag" and Heimie's "bird watcher" look like 1950s throwbacks, they are built for 21st-century technology (tablets and smartphones).

"We're seeing a narrowing gap between big wallets and briefcases," said Sam Fehrenbach, manager of the Martin Patrick3 store in Minneapolis. "And as electronics get smaller ... the demand for man bags [grows]."

So it's not just the rappers, actors and male models who are "manning up" with a small tote. "A few years ago you would only see this in New York or L.A.," Felitto said. "Now we're even getting customers in Texas."



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How to lose that under-eye baggage

Los Angeles Times

Ever have a co-worker or friend tell you that you look tired? Stress, allergies, fluid retention and lack of sleep all can lead to puffy eyes. But what's happening below the eyes is usually more than just puffy bags.

"There are three main things that happen around the eye area that make them start to look irregular or baggy," Beverly Hills facial plastic surgeon Dr. Davis Nguyen says:

Gravity. "As skin starts to fall, that pull accentuates the eye bags that are already there from stress or allergies," he says.

Loss of volume. "We all lose collagen as we get older," Nguyen says. As a result, any areas around the eyes with extra fluid will be accentuated. A loss of volume around the orbital bone (closest to the cheekbone) creates a recessed groove that can often look dark and accentuate the puffed-out under-eye.

Loose skin. "When skin loses elasticity and skin starts to sag, irregularities around the eye area are more noticeable," Nguyen says.

Each of these factors exacerbates the others, so addressing one and not the other two won't be effective. Treatments include injectables such as Juvaderm, to smooth wrinkles, and laser treatments, to tighten loose skin.

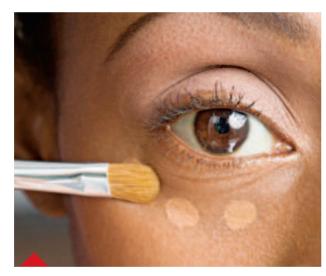
For the needle-averse, cold compresses can help reduce puffiness—wet green tea bags applied as a compress are helpful due to the caffeine. Creams containing green tea or hyaluronic acid, which works to retain moisture in the skin and smooth out fine lines and wrinkles, may help too.

Makeup also can help make eyes look less puffy. Rachel Herrera, makeup artist for oncamera talent at the Style Network, knows all about under-eye issues. Here are some of the products she uses:



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YSL Touche Eclat is her go-to product. These concealers help transform the under-eye into a more evenly textured and illuminated area from an uneven surface of dark and light, puffy and recessed skin.



UNDER-EYE CONCEALER

She advises using an under-eye concealer that's two shades lighter than your foundation to counteract the shadowy area caused by loss of volume near the orbital bone. Carefully apply it with a precise, pointed concealer brush.



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"Moisture is very important," Herrera says, emphasizing the need to use lotion.



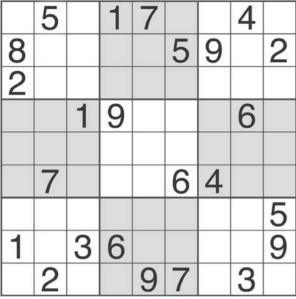
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The makeup artist uses this product in peach on the Style Network's on-air hosts. It helps create a smoother surface. She dusts some illuminating powder, also from Laura Mercier, on top of the primer for a light-reflecting finish.



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whoville about lipstick on a pig to yourself. Piggy steps up as the new face of MAC cosmetics: her line debuts Nov. 14. The ad features edgy hair and makeup with the tag: "Icon. Who, Actress, Supermodel, Chanteuse. Muse. Frog-o-phile. Cinema and television superstar nonpareil." Fortunately she's kept her signature long lashes

Hello, Hollywood: Miss Piggy is ready for her close-up

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Stand aside, Rihanna. Make way, Zooey Deschanel. The latest "it" girl isn't much of a girl at all—actually, she's a pig. Porcine diva Miss Piggy is "hiiiiii-yah-ing" her way back into the spotlight ahead of "The Muppets" release Nov. 23. We've got a head-to-toe-er, make that snout-to-hoof-look at her latest ventures.

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HANDS

Piggy's signature white gloves will have to come off for this one. She and the rest of the Muppets teamed up with OPI to create signature shades of nail polish. Hers is, naturally, a brightred lacquer with many, many sparkles.

A gem-relat ed hint for Kermie, perhaps?

InStyle magazine's November cover may be dedicated to Gwen Stefani, but Piggy gets an eight-page fashion spread featuring designers from Jason Wu to Prabal Gurung. The looks range from a simple white frock to feathers, feathers and more feathers. We're hoping there was no leather involved-eek.

BODY

FEET

A fashionable sow doesn't pay attention only to her attire. Piggywho plays a Vogue Paris editor in the upcoming movie-also sported trendy footwear in her InStyle spreads. "The strappy sandal seemed to work best to complement her hoofs," designer Brian Atwood said.

EYES Keep the jokes

intact.

MOUTH Kermit's lady love is known for plenty of things, but keeping her opinions to herself certainly isn't one of them. A role as guest judge on the upcoming season of "Project Runway: All Stars" should suit her nicely. Will she be impressed by Rami's draping, or shoot down Sweet P's saccharine designs? We'll have to wait until 2012 to find out-the show recently was delayed from a November premiere.

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This flick just keeps getting better. "Magic Mike" star Joe Manganiello revealed his stripper name to the Los Angeles Times: Big

Dick Richie. But that's not all: His character also will perform a fireman-related act. "Suspenders, hat, I get the ax going—the whole deal!" he told Celebuzz. Go on ...

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THE DIGIT

That's the number of apps and games Snooki has signed on to create, develop, sell and distribute,

mtv.com reports. It may or may not also be the number of times she's hooked up with a "Jersey Shore" castmate.

I should be playing in the winter snow

But Imma be under the mistletoe

With you, shawty, with you

-Lyrics to Justin Bieber's new Christmas song, 'Mistletoe'



Lindsay Lohan was back in cuffs
Wednesday—this time because her probation was revoked. The judge sent LiLo
back to jail after determining she had
violated her probation for drunken driving
and jewelry theft convictions, and for failing to complete her community service.
Soon after, Lohan made her \$100,000 bail
and was released. Her probation violation
hearing is Nov. 2.



CUFF ENOUGH



Taylor Swift is single. Like, way single. "I don't have a boyfriend. I don't even have, like, kind of a boyfriend," the singer, like, said on Wednesday's "Ellen DeGeneres Show," according to **people.com**. "I don't have someone that I'm texting that is a guy that someday might be my boyfriend. There's, like, nothing going on right now."



Mom says ... OK!

Michelle Obama says the Kardashians are role models—for what not to do. While her presidential husband isn't a fan of the show, the first lady told **ivillage.com** she lets their daughters watch "Keeping Up With the Kardashians." "If they're learning the right lessons, like, that was crazy, then I'm like, 'OK,' " Michelle said.

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